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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action mailed May 18, 2004. A Submission of Formal Drawings and a Petition for Extension of Time are filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.